

Case SHAWR-001B

PREWIRED ELECTRICAL APPARATUS HAVING QUICK CONNECT
COMPONENTS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of
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STATEMENT RE: FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT
(Not Applicable)

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates generally to electric circuit components and more particularly to switches, receptacles, and other junction components which can be quickly and safely installed, thereby advantageously reducing the time and cost associated with an electrician's services.

[0003] Building construction can be expensive and time consuming because buildings are often large and because a multitude of complex tasks must often be completed. Also, renovating an existing structure can be especially expensive and time consuming for the same reasons.

[0004] One time consuming task performed during construction is electrical circuitry installation. Conventionally, an electrician positions junction boxes on the exposed studs of the building at pre-determined locations throughout the building. These junction boxes will eventually hold junction devices such as switches and outlets as will be described in greater detail below.

[0005] Next, the electrician routes wires from the circuit breaker box to the individual junction boxes, and wires are also routed between the individual junction

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